Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

July 13, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Bitter Lake Community Center

Attendees

NAC Members:

Dan Stern, Edmond Ryan, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Greg Brotherton, Joseph Monda, Philip Junkins, Rick Barrett, Sue Jensen, Wayne Parks

Partners: Dara O'Byrne, John Owen

City Staff: Nora Liu (DPD), David Goldberg (DPD), Sebhat Tenna (DON)

Absences

NAC members decided to include Philip with seated membership position making note of Jeff and Josh's resignation.

Review and Provide Guidance on Draft Land Use Strategies

- David provided summary of comments on Linden Ave. from June 21st Community Workshop.
 - There is a desire for a mixed-use development for south end. Looking for ground level intimacy and visually interesting buildings.
 - o On north end desire was for more of a multi-family residential development with open space.
 - East/West connections were desired.
- NAC and City staff went out to take a look at the sites. John and Dara, consultants, led the tour looking to get confirmation on findings from the community meeting.
- Consultants will return with more refined model for consideration. There will be other opportunities to give feedback on the proposed models.

Review and Move Forward on Consultant Scope of Work

- Scope of work is intended to address the economic real estate piece of the planning work. Need to
 determine if the plan for development is doable in these economic times: Does the area need more
 residential to support the commercial piece? Is more parking needed? What can the city do to make the
 development be better?
- If NAC members agree on hiring a consultant, then David will send proposal out to three consultant firms.
- Two volunteers are needed to assist with the hiring process.

NAC members agreed that hiring the consultant is a good use of the money. Sue and Wayne volunteered to assist with the hiring work.

- NAC member asked if census information was available to see what kind of buying power residents of the area have to support commercial development.
 - David answered there were databases available with this information that can be provided by consultant.

Review and Develop Recommendations on Community Place-Making

- David shared document and asked for comment.
- One of the main themes heard is people want to get together in a variety of ways:
 - One way is to create a neighborhood business district, but there are many other ways at many levels.
 - David asked NAC members if they felt this should be part of the plan and what is the role of the plan in doing this work?
 - The responsibility for this work would fall mainly to the neighborhood, although city could assist with funding.

Wrap-Up

- Next large community meeting is in October. NAC will have August and September to prepare.
- Upcoming agendas will include hamlets discussion, SDOT, and consultant work.
- NAC member stated she recalled that departments were only going to provide written updates at this
 point, rather than attending, other than SDOT report on Linden and repaving list that Tony Mazzella
 mentioned at a previous meeting.
- NAC member stated that if SPD is invited they would want someone with authority to make changes to attend.
- Nora stated it is most important to take care of issues related to plan and budget earlier, rather than later.
 Other attendees could come later on.

NAC members agreed to have SDOT come in August and SPD in September.

NAC members agreed to have a picnic or social hour and postpone meeting with Rainier Beach NAC for some time in the future. Sue volunteered to coordinate by e-mail.

- Discussion about bringing in School District and business owners to NAC meeting.
 - Nora stated an online survey is available and the she will email NAC members to distribute to businesses.
 - NAC member stated it would be good to get them engaged before the large community meeting in October.
 - o For follow up, Nora asked NAC members to forward list of businesses they engage to City staff.